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Community Learning Center



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Annual Report



Fiscal Year 2022
Year Ending June 30, 2022

UFM at a glance

UFM Vision: Connecting People and Ideas for Unlimited Learning

UFM Mission: UFM Community Learning Center is a creative educational program serving Kansas State University, the Manhattan area, and the state of Kansas. Based on the philosophy that everyone can learn and everyone can teach, UFM provides opportunities for lifelong learning and personal development. UFM serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and as a catalyst for new programs and services that enhance the quality of life for all.

UFM Values:

- Community and Collaboration
- Patron Satisfaction and Support
- Purposeful Relationships
- Integrity and Enjoyment
- Creativity and Inspiration



Programs offered by UFM include the Education Program of credit and noncredit classes, the Lou Douglas Lecture Series, Manhattan Community Garden, Teen Mentoring Program and Project EXCELL. Sponsored Projects include the Manhattan Area Risk Prevention Coalition, and the Manhattan Nonviolence Initiative.



In FY22, UFM programs served 9,178 people.



UFM offers programs for people of all ages, interests, and abilities.



UFM collaborates with many area businesses and organizations to serve the community.



UFM completed its 54th year of putting the community in education.

FY22 was an extraordinary year. The COVID-19 pandemic, which started in FY20, began to abate and UFM in-person programs and classes came back to near-full strength.

We were able to offer a total of 815 noncredit courses, an increase of 16% from FY21, and 231 credit offerings, an increase of 17%.

FY22 also saw a change in leadership, with the long-time director retiring and the welcoming of a new director to the helm.



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Education Program



UFM's education program is the largest activity in the organization. UFM's philosophy that everyone can teach and everyone can learn provides opportunities for all community members to share their ideas and skills with others. To participate, the only prerequisite is curiosity. In UFM's 54 years, there have been over 7,400 instructors who ranged in age from 6 to 98. In FY22, UFM offered 815 noncredit classes taught by 198 instructors to 1,268 students locally (unduplicated).



English as a Second Language classes were added to meet a need for local non-English speakers to learn practical ways to communicate with schools, medical providers, businesses, and others in the community.



UFM coordinates recreation, dance, and fitness credit courses through K-State Global Campus. UFM works with four campus departments to offer credit courses. In FY22, 1,136 students received credit for 231 courses offered.

UFM offers many opportunities for K-State students and others looking for practical experience. In FY22, 555 college students gave time to teach a class, work with UFM projects such as Teen Mentoring or participate in a UFM program or activity.



UFM continued to develop a new educational option in FY22. Lifetime Learning offered classes and events for anyone, but with a focus on interests of this age 50 and older. We offered 19 classes with a total attendance of 328.



UFM Community Outreach - Beyond the Classroom

UFM Community Learning Center is involved with education well beyond the classes offered. UFM collaborates with many other local organizations to serve the community through diverse educational programs and activities.

Partnerships extend educational opportunities and bring diverse experiences to the community. Multicultural and international experiences are available through UFM classes offered with groups such as Hospitality Management at KSU and Ecumenical Campus Ministries. Other educational partnerships included Manhattan Trolley Co, Brew Bros Hops and Sprockets, Meadowlark Hills, and Riley County Genealogical Society. Special event partners included Manhattan Public Library, K-State Libraries, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Riley County Historical Museum, and the K-State College of Education Math Circle.

Talk MHK enthusiastically returned in the Spring semester. “Celebrating Our Diverse Stories” was the theme for this year’s event. Five local speakers shared their perspectives on diversity in their lives.

Presentations included visual elements, demonstrations, or displays of artifacts. Topics ranged from Filipino culture, Indian cooking, Indigenous histories, photographing Manhattan, and demonstrating Chinese bamboo clappers. The event was co-sponsored by the Manhattan Public Library.



UFM Programs

UFM Teen Mentoring Program

Fall 2021 marked the 25th year of offering education, recreation, and emotional support to teens in our community. This program is funded by the City of Manhattan Special Alcohol Fund.

Middle school and high school students interact with college student mentors. The goals of the program are to provide prevention education, improve social skills, and offer recreation opportunities. Groups met on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays after school at UFM. Last year 48 teens and 37 K-State students participated in structured discussions and fun activities as part of this program.



Community Garden

The Manhattan Community Garden is the oldest community garden in Kansas, offering gardening space to residents for 48 years. This food security program allows people throughout the community to share the gardening experience, supplement food budgets, relieve stress, and foster new friendships. A volunteer advisory board governs the garden operations.

The Community Garden has two locations: 9th and Riley Lane leased from the City of Manhattan, and 1435 Collins Lane leased from Riley County. 208 families gardened in FY22. K-State students, faculty and staff, retired persons, and others from Manhattan utilized the 280 plots at the Gardens.



Lou Douglas Lectures

Because of crowd restrictions, the Lou Douglas lecture was canceled in the fall of 2021. An exciting speaker is planned for October 2022, with a lecture at KSU and a special community event.



Sponsored Projects

Project EXCELL (Extended College Education for Lifelong Learning) provides educational enrichment to adults with developmental disabilities. Project EXCELL provides a K-State setting that allows EXCELL students to feel a part of the university community. This program had a slow comeback with only 26 students participating in the fall semester. The spring semester saw a tremendous increase more than doubling participation back to pre-pandemic levels of 70 students. Over 100 K-State students from the College of Education, Leadership Studies, and several Greek houses served as classroom aides and ambassadors to assist the students during class and break time.

Manhattan Nonviolence Initiative (MNVI)

The Manhattan Nonviolence Initiative has continued to be present in the community following the completion of a grant project from the Caroline F. Peine Foundation. Classes were offered in anger management and peaceful communication skills and a community book discussion was held. Representatives also participated in the USD#383 Diversity Committee and helped facilitate the school district's community discussion on future use of the Ninth Grade Center.



Sponsored Projects

Manhattan Area Risk Prevention Coalition

(MARPC) MARPC works through a federal Drug Free Communities grant. The purpose of this project is to create an active community coalition to address substance use and abuse issues and to address prevention strategies that reduce substance use among youth. The grant's focus has been media messages. Radio and cable television ads were designed to address social hosting as an area problem that has encouraged underage drinking. In addition to media messages, displays were set up in 11 different locations, including local liquor stores. The messages present ideas about "talking to your kids about drinking." Sticker Shock in Manhattan and at Fort Riley partnered youth and adult volunteers with police officers to attach responsible alcohol use messages to packaged products in liquor stores. The group is also working on ways to strengthen the community coalition and increase support in the Manhattan area. Community education for parents to identify drug paraphernalia and mental health concerns are on the current agenda. MARPC is also working with the Riley County Health Department on a program called RESIST, which focuses on youth awareness of tobacco use.



Grassroots Award

The Grassroots Community Education Award is an annual recognition given by UFM Community Learning Center to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to grassroots community education and learning. This year marks the 38th time UFM has presented this award.

Carol Bartas was awarded the Grass Roots Community Education award for the work she has done with the Flint Hills Renewable Energy and Efficiency Cooperative and especially for her work spreading knowledge about permaculture.

Permaculture is the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient using whole systems thinking. Carol has taught numerous classes for UFM, K-State, and other places as well. She has also served on the UFM Board of Directors for five years.

As a founding member of the Flint Hills Renewable Energy and Efficiency Cooperative, she enjoys installing solar panels on people's homes. She serves on the boards of the Kansas Permaculture Institute, UFM Community Learning Center, and the Food & Farm Council of Riley County and the City of Manhattan. She was recently appointed to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board by Governor Laura Kelly.



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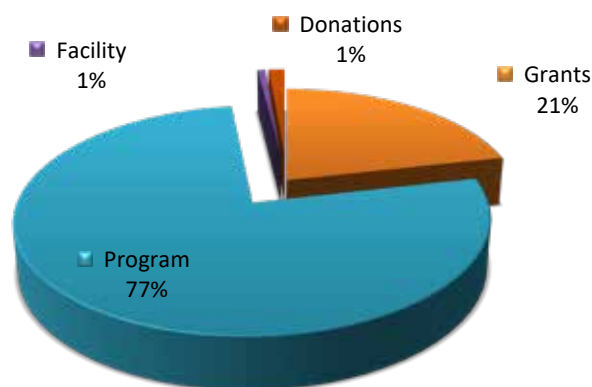
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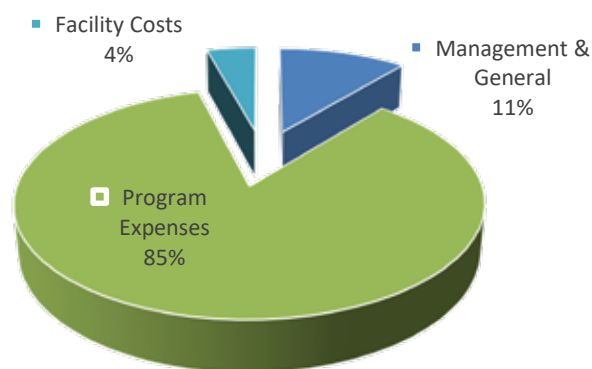
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Income/Expenses FY22

UFM Funding Sources FY22



UFM Expenses FY22



UFM is self-supporting and depends on class fees, donations, and program grants to operate. Class fees make up the largest part of UFM's revenue, 77% in FY22. These funds cover instructor costs, class materials, facility rental, advertising, printing, and other costs associated with coordinating class activities.

In FY22, UFM received \$175,447 in grant funds to support several projects including Teen Mentoring, Lou Douglas Lectures, Project EXCELL, the Manhattan Nonviolence Initiative, and MARPC.

Donations are used for youth and adult scholarships, facility needs, and infrastructure expenses. All donations to UFM are tax deductible. For more information about donating to UFM, call 785-539-8763 or email linda@tryufm.org.





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